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SUBJ: REPORT OF RIOTING IN NORTHERN PERU

1. PEACE CORPS STAFF IN QUITO INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 15 OF INCIDENT INVOLVING ECUADOR-BASED PCV IN NORTHERN PERU ON JULY 14. THE PCV WAS RETURNING TO ECUADOR FROM A VACATION, TRAVELLING IN A HIRED CAR WITH DRIVER. IN THE TOWN OF ESPERANZA, NEAR TUJILLO ON THE COASTAL HIGHWAY, HER CAR WAS SURROUNDED BY RIOTERS. THE WINDSHIELD WAS BROKEN BY ROCKS AND ATTEMPTS MADE TO OVERTURN THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER FINALLY EXPLAINED THAT HIS PASSENGER WAS A US TOURIST SIMPLY PASSING THROUGH AT WHICH POINT THE MOB CALMED DOWN AND INDIVIDUALS ESCORTED THE CAR THROUGH THE CITY. THE PCV WITNESSED OTHER RIOTING AND SAW NO EVIDENCE OF POLICE PRESENCE.

2. THIS IS FIRST REPORT WE RECALL OF DISORDERS IN NORTHERN PERU. IT RAISES QUESTION OF SAFETY OF US TOURISTS TRAVELLING THROUGH PERU. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL QUERIES FROM TRAVELLING AMERICANS ON SECURITY SITUATION IN PERU. GENERAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN THT ISOLATED INCIDENTS OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE TO OCCUR BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE TRAVELLERS WHO TAKE PRECAUTIONS WILL BE ENDANGERED. WE WOULD LIKE EMBASSY LIMA'S ASSESSMENT OF THREAT TO AMCITS TRAVELLING IN PERU AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEALING WITH FUTURE INQUIRIES ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF TRAVEL TO PERU. CORR

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